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BOROUGH OF FAVERSHAM

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THE DEPUTY MAYOR

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ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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(from 1-12-59)

Mr. R.A.O. Bampton, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H., M.R.I.P.H.H., D.S.A.A.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Port of Faversham (Western Section)

Mr. A. Leslie, M.A.P.H.I., A.R.San. I.

CLERK

Mr. P.F. Allen

Municipal Offices,
Faversham.

June, 1960.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary circumstances of the Borough for 1959 including a report on the Port Health Area.

The Registrar General has estimated the population at 12,420 showing an increase over the previous year of 80. The corrected birth rate 16.6 and the corrected death rate 9.7 is compared with that of England and Wales which is 16.5 and 11.6 respectively. Three infant deaths were recorded, all within first two days of independent life and the infant mortality rate of 15.1 compares very favourably with that of England and Wales 22.0 which is again the lowest figure ever recorded.

The incidence of infectious disease fell notably during the year principally due to diminution in notification of measles, 46 compared to 360 in the previous year. For two successive years no cases of poliomyelitis were notified and it is hoped that this might be maintained in the future as vaccination against poliomyelitis is now offered to everyone up to forty years of age. It is satisfactory to record the good response from the public to the various schemes designed to prevent the spread of infectious disease namely vaccination against smallpox and poliomyelitis and immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus.

Offensive trades which were established at Marsh Works, Oare Creek, monopolised a disproportionate amount of time and energy of the small Public Health Department and although results might not appear to be spectacular nevertheless decided improvements in the conditions prevailing were effected with the co-operation of the factory owners.

Four further clearance areas containing forty houses were submitted during the year, and this has brought the total number of houses submitted for slum clearance or individual action to 202 since 1955.

The amount of routine work required to be carried out by the Public Health Staff is enormous for a town of this size - this being mainly due to the fact that the town is ancient with many old properties and provides a shopping district for a large surrounding rural area as well as containing two large factories which deal with food products and two breweries. In spite of this I feel satisfied that the work has been carried out satisfactorily and I wish to express my thanks to Mr. Hurn, your Senior Public Health Inspector, for the smooth running of the Department bearing in mind that my time has to be divided among five other local authorities.

I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their tolerance and constructive suggestions throughout the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. T. Murphy,

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

SECTION I
STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS
OF THE AREA

Climatology

The total rainfall during the year was 24.6 inches as compared with 31.58 inches in 1958 and 23.08 inches in 1957.

Maximum and Minimum temperatures, together with the rainfall recorded each month, are shown in Appendix "A"

Area

Faversham includes the villages of Ospringe and Preston and covers an area of 3,070 acres.

Population

The Registrar General estimated the mid-year population for 1959 as 12,420, an increase of 80 from the estimated population for the previous year, i.e. 12,340.

Number of Inhabited Houses

The number of inhabited houses at the end of 1959 was 4,637, as compared with 4,606 at the end of 1958. Towards this increase 52 houses were provided by the Council, and 11 were constructed privately. During the year 32 houses were demolished. The net increase in habitable houses was 31.

Rateable Value

£162,145 compared with £144,132 on the 31st December, 1958.

Sum Represented by the Penny Rate

£647 12s 4.337d., compared with £558 2s 9.85 for the financial year 1958/59.

SECTION II
VITAL STATISTICS

1. LIVE BIRTHS

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Legitimate	99 (115)	91 (91)	190 (206)
Illegitimate	<u>4 (1)</u>	<u>5 (4)</u>	<u>9 (5)</u>
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>103 (116)</u>	<u>96 (95)</u>	<u>199 (211)</u>

2. BIRTH RATE

The crude birth rate per 1,000 population	...	16.0 (17.1)
The corrected birth rate	...	16.6 (17.8)
Rate for England and Wales	...	16.5 (16.4)

3. STILL BIRTHS

Number of still births	...	1 (5)
Rate per 1,000 live and still births	...	5.0 (23.2)
Rate for England and Wales	...	20.7 (21.6)

4. INFANT DEATHS

Number of infant deaths	...	3 (4)
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	...	15.1 (18.9)
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	15.8 (14.6)
Illegitimate Infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	NIL
Neo-natal mortality rate (first four weeks) per 1,000 live births	...	15.8 (14.2)
Number of early neo-natal deaths (first week)	...	3 (3)
Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births	...	15.1
Perinatal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined, per 1,000 total live and still births)	...	20.0

5. ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS

Number of illegitimate live births was	...	9 (5)
This is 4.5% total live births		

(Figures in brackets refer to the preceding year)

6. MATERNAL DEATHS

Number of Maternal deaths (including abortion)	...	1	(-)
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	...	0.5	

7. DEATHS

Number of deaths assignable to Faversham	...	206	(195)
The crude death rate per 1,000 population	...	16.6	(15.8)
The corrected death rate	...	9.7	(8.2)
Rate for England and Wales	...	11.6	(11.7)

The following table shows the age groups in which the deaths occurred:

TABLE I

SEX	Under one Year	1+	5+	15+	25+	35+	45+	55+	65+	75+	85+	TOTALS
MALES	1	-	-	-	1	4	7	16	26	42	14	111
FEMALES	2	-	-	-	-	6	4	6	17	46	14	95

The average age at death was 73.7 years, being 74.4 for males and 73.1 for females. The oldest death was that of a female aged 102 years.

Fifty-three deaths occurring at Bensted House during 1959 were assignable to the Borough.

Maternal Mortality - One maternal death occurred during the year from Haemorrhage and Placenta Praevia.

Table II shows the number of death, birth and infant mortality rates since 1949 and Table III the causes of death during 1959 classified by the Registrar General under 36 headings on the abbreviated list of the International Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Cause of Death.

TABLE II

Births, Deaths and Infant Mortality 1949-59

Year	BIRTHS			DEATHS		INFANT MORTALITY	
	Illegitimate births	Total live births	Crude birth rate	No. of deaths	Crude death rate	Total infant deaths	Infant mortality rate
1949	9	218	17.6	184	14.9	4	18.3
1950	4	188	14.9	157	12.4	8	42.5
1951	6	175	14.2	150	12.2	5	28.5
1952	12	203	16.6	267	21.8	5	24.6
1953	13	191	15.5	232	18.9	4	20.9
1954	4	198	16.1	220	17.9	3	15.2
1955	5	190	15.4	227	18.4	5	26.3
1956	6	180	14.6	266	21.6	11	61.1
1957	6	223	18.1	258	20.9	8	35.9
1958	5	211	17.1	195	15.8	4	18.9
1959	9	199	16.0	206	16.6	3	15.1

TABLE III

CLASSIFICATION OF CAUSES	MALES		FEMALES		TOTAL	
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)
3. Syphilitic disease	1	(-)	-	(-)	1	(-)
4. Diphtheria	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)
5. Whooping Cough	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)
6. Meningococcal infections	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)
8. Measles	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	(-)	-	(1)	-	(1)
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	(2)	1	(1)	3	(3)
11. " " lungs, bronchus	9	(3)	1	(1)	10	(4)
12. " " breast	-	(-)	6	(2)	6	(2)
13. " " uterus	-	(-)	-	(1)	-	(1)
14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	9	(8)	6	(7)	15	(5)
15. Leukamia, aleukaemia	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)
16. Diabetes	-	(1)	-	(1)	-	(2)
17. Vascular Lesions of nervous system	22	(20)	19	(20)	41	(40)
18. Coronary disease, angina	16	(18)	4	(7)	20	(25)
19. Hypertension with heart disease	4	(2)	3	(2)	7	(4)
20. Other heart disease	21	(22)	33	(39)	54	(61)
21. Other circulatory disease	6	(4)	2	(1)	8	(5)
22. Influenza	1	(-)	1	(1)	2	(1)
23. Pneumonia	3	(5)	3	(2)	6	(7)
24. Bronchitis	10	(4)	3	(-)	13	(4)
25. Other diseases of the respiratory system	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	(1)	-	(-)	1	(1)
27. Gastritis, enteritis, diarrhoea	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	1	(2)	-	(4)	5	(2)
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	-	(1)	-	(-)	-	(1)
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	(-)	1	(-)	1	(-)
31. Congenital malformations	-	(-)	1	(1)	1	(1)
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	(7)	6	(1)	9	(8)
33. Motor vehicle accidents	-	(2)	1	(1)	1	(3)
34. All other accidents	1	(1)	-	(1)	1	(2)
35. Suicide	1	(1)	-	(1)	1	(2)
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	(-)	-	(-)	-	(-)
All Causes	111	(104)	95	(91)	206	(195)

(Figures in brackets refer to preceding year)

Particulars in regard to infant deaths occurring during 1959 were as follows:

CAUSE OF DEATH	SEX	AGE	PLACE OF DEATH
1a Asphyxia			
b Cerebral damage	M	2 days	Hospital
1a Spina Bifida	F	2 days	Hospital
1a Birth Trauma	F	2 days	Hospital
b Breech delivery			
2 Atrial Septal defect			
Horseshoe kidney			

The number of infant deaths was three and the infantile mortality rate of 15.1 is the lowest recorded in the Borough for the past decade. The figure for England and Wales was 22.0 which is the lowest ever recorded.

The deaths occurred during the first week of independent life and these perinatal deaths are due to obverse influences on the baby over which improved environmental conditions have no control.

SECTION III
INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The number of infectious disease cases notified during 1959 was 106, being 302 less than in the previous year, i.e. 408 cases in 1958.

Measles again almost accounted for half the total notifications. All the cases were mild.

The incidence of Scarlet Fever remains relatively low in relation to neighbouring districts, out of nine cases three were admitted to Hospital.

Whooping Cough has again presented only a few cases and it will be interesting to note if the low incidence will persist.

Two cases of food poisoning were notified, one in April due to *Salmonella* Newport and the other in August due to *Salmonella* Typhi-murium. In neither case was the vehicle of infection ascertained.

The age distribution of cases occurring is shown in Table IV and total number of infectious diseases occurring and the number admitted to Hospital and total deaths from diseased are shown in Table V.

TABLE IV

DISEASE	-1	-5	-15	-20	-30	-40	-50	-60	Over 60	TOTALS
Scarlet Fever	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Whooping Cough	-	5	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
Measles	-	22	23	1	-	-	-	-	-	46
Pneumonia	-	-	5	2	2	4	3	4	7	27
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Tuberculosis										
Pulmonary	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	2	1	8
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1

TABLE V

DISEASE	No. of Cases		Admission to Hospital or Sanatorium	Deaths
	1959	1958		
Scarlet Fever	9	(15)	3	-
Whooping Cough	13	(3)	-	-
Food Poisoning	2	(-)	1	-
Measles	46	(360)	-	-
Pneumonia	27	(24)	2	-
Dysentery	-	(2)	-	-
Tuberculosis				
Pulmonary	8	(4)	6	-
Non-Pulmonary	1	(-)	-	-
TOTALS	106	(408)	12	-

TABLE VI

DISEASE	1949	'50	'51	'52	'53	'54	'55	'56	'57	'58	'59
Scarlet Fever	14	34	3	5	2	2	4	7	6	15	9
Measles	13	373	106	372	79	4	447	2	74	360	46
Whooping Cough	8	49	256	9	79	107	5	14	202	3	13
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	1	-	1	-	-	4	1	7+	-	-
Erysipelas	1	2	4	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	10	8	14	15	18	9	17	18	23	24	27
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	1	-	8	1	3	1	-	-	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	3	-	2	1	-	1	1	-	-

+ Four cases confirmed

TUBERCULOSIS1. Incidence and Deaths

Eight cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year, four more than notified in the preceding year.

Regarding Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis, one case was notified. No deaths from Pulmonary or Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were recorded.

Table VII shows the number of cases notified and the deaths attributed to Tuberculosis since 1949.

TABLE VII

Year	No. of Primary Notifications received		Deaths		Death rate per 10,000 population	
	PUL.	NON-PUL.	PUL.	NON-PUL.	PUL.	NON-PUL.
1949	8	8	5	1	4.1	0.8
1950	4	5	2	-	1.5	-
1951	8	1	5	-	4.0	-
1952	20	1	3	-	2.4	-
1953	9	2	-	-	-	-
1954	6	-	4	-	3.3	-
1955	1	-	2	-	0.8	-
1956	11	1	-	-	-	-
1957	4	2	1	-	0.8	-
1958	4	-	-	-	-	-
1959	8	1	-	-	-	-

(Although no deaths were attributed to Tuberculosis
two patients died from other causes)

2. Tuberculosis Register

The number and types of cases at present in the Borough and on the Tuberculosis Register are shown in Table VIII. Figures in brackets refer to preceding year.

TABLE VIII

	PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY		TOTALS
	M	F	M	F	
On Tuberculosis Register 1/1/59	45 (45)	36 (36)	11 (12)	7 (8)	99 (101)
Transferred to Bor'gh	- (-)	1 (2)	1 (-)	- (-)	2 (2)
Notified in Borough	3 (3)	5 (1)	1 (-)	- (-)	9 (4)
Returned to Borough	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
	48 (48)	42 (39)	13 (12)	7 (8)	110 (107)
Deaths	2 (2)	- (-)	- (1)	- (-)	2 (3)
Removed from Borough	- (-)	1 (1)	- (-)	- (-)	1 (1)
Recovered	2 (1)	1 (2)	- (-)	1 (1)	4 (4)
Balance remaining on Register 31/12/59	44 (45)	40 (36)	13 (11)	6 (7)	103 (99)

I am indebted to Dr. O. Clarke, Consultant Chest Physician for the following further particulars regarding patients from the Borough:

- (a) Number of patients from the Borough of Faversham who attended the Chest Clinic during 1959 (this includes contacts etc.) ... 240
- (b) Total number of attendances during the year of patients in (a) above ... 530
- (c) Number of patients from the Borough of Faversham who received Sanatorium treatment during the year ... 9

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION1. Vaccination Against Poliomyelitis

The County Medical Officer reports that during the period the following have received vaccination against Poliomyelitis:

AGE GROUP	COURSE OF TWO INJECTIONS	3rd INJECTION
0-5 years	281	278
5-15 years	412	913
Adults	739	381

The table following shows the diphtheria immunisation, whooping cough immunisation and smallpox vaccination figures for 1959, based on record cards received by the County Medical Officer:

Year of Birth	Diphtheria Immunisation		Smallpox		Whooping Cough Immunisation
	Primary	Reinforcing	Primary	Revaccination	Primary
1959	25	-	72	-	67
1958	98	-	88	-	92
1957	14	1	6	-	17
1956	2	2	2	-	1
1955	3	5	-	1	4
1954	4	78	-	-	2
1953	6	25	1	2	1
1952	1	7	-	-	-
1951	2	4	-	-	-
1950	-	3	-	-	1
1949	-	4	1	-	-
1948	-	1	-	-	-
1947	-	-	-	-	-
1946	-	1	-	1	-
1945	-	-	-	1	-
Before 1945	-	-	6	8	-
TOTALS	155	131	176	13	185

SECTION IVGENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES1. National Health Services

Local Authority Health Services under the National Health Service Act are provided and administered by the Kent County Council. These Services include the Care of Mothers and Young Children, the provision of Midwives, Health Visiting and Home Nursing, Vaccination and Immunisation, Prevention of Illness, Care and After-care, and Domestic Help Services.

Chest Clinics and the care of Tuberculosis patients are the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board, as also is Mental Welfare.

Various Clinics in connection with these Services are held as follows:

Clinics and Sessions(a) Queen's Hall

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Child Welfare	Tuesday and Friday	2 - 4 p.m.

(Immunisation and Vaccinations are carried out at the Child Welfare Clinic on Friday afternoon, if required.)

(b) School ClinicSolomon's Lane

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Relaxation Classes	Monday	2.30 - 3.30 p.m.
Minor Ailments Clinic	{ Wednesday	9 - 10 a.m.
	{ Saturday	9 - 12 noon
Dental Gas Clinic	Tuesday	9 - 12 noon
Dental	Tuesday	2 - 4 p.m.

(c) Chest ClinicSouth Road

Thursday (by appointment) 10.30 a.m.

Cases for X-ray are referred to Canterbury Chest Clinic as and when required.

(d) Domestic Help

Application can be made at the Kent County Welfare Office at 12 West Street, Faversham, Monday - Friday, half day Saturday.

(e) Psychiatric Clinic

This clinic is held every Thursday at 5.0 p.m. Appointments are made through St. Augustine's Hospital.

2. School Health Service

The following is a summary of the returns for 1959 for the area comprising the Boroughs of Faversham and Queenborough, the Urban Districts of Sheerness and Sittingbourne and Milton Regis and the Rural Districts of Sheppey and Swale.

(i) Medical Inspection

(a) Number of children inspected (periodic inspections)	4,946
(b) Number found to require treatment	797
(c) Percentage requiring treatment	16.1%

(ii) Classification of General Condition of Pupils

No. of Pupils Inspected	ROUTINE SCHOOL MEDICAL INSPECTIONS			
	Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected			
	Satisfactory		Un-Satisfactory	
	No. (2)	% of Col.1 (3)	No. (4)	% of Col.1 (5)
(1)				
4946	4936	99.8	10	0.2

(iii) Dental Inspection and Treatment

(a)	Number of children inspected	...	4890
(b)	Number found to require treatment	...	2363
(c)	Percentage requiring treatment	...	48.3%

(iv) Infestation with Vermin

(a)	Total number of examinations in the schools by the School Nurses or other authorised persons	...	11823
(b)	Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	...	135
(c)	Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54 (2) Education Act, 1944)	...	34

SECTION VSANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA1. General Sanitary Circumstances(a) Water Supply

There have been no large scale alterations under this heading during the year and the position is as reported in the previous year.

Fourteen samples of water taken by the Faversham Water Company for examination showed the water in every case to be of excellent bacteriological quality.

One sample was taken from a well supplying a dwelling-house. The report showed a certain amount of contamination and a further sample will be taken at a later date. Of a total of 4,637 houses, 10 in Ham area rely on wells as no main water is readily available.

(b) Drainage and Sewerage

No new development has taken place during the year under this heading. The Council are to have a survey made of the whole of the system shortly to ascertain the situation regarding the Borough's sewers and sewerage system generally.

(c) Scavenging

This under the direction of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, refuse being disposed of at Preston Tip.

(d) School Sanitation

No complaints have been received under this heading during the year and the accommodation is generally well maintained at all schools.

(e) Public Conveniences

These are maintained and supervised by the Borough Engineer and Surveyor. The Council are considering the position regarding conveniences in the Borough as a whole in the near future.

(f) Hop Pickers' Camps

Two camps are still used in the Borough, i.e. at Westwood Court and Queen Court Farms during the hop-picking season. Due to the installation of hop-picking machinery at Queen Court Farm the number of pickers employed there this year was somewhat smaller than in previous years. The camps are generally maintained in a reasonable sanitary condition.

(g) Mortuary Accommodation

There has been no alteration under this heading and the mortuary at the Cottage Hospital is used as required.

2. Inspection and Supervision of Food(a) Milk

There are three premises registered as dairies. At two of which the pasteurisation process is carried out. This is under the supervision of the Food and Drugs Authority, i.e. the County Council. Licences granted during the year are as follows:

To retail Pasteurised Milk		1
To retail Tuberculin Tested Milk		3
To retail Sterilised Milk		22

(b) Meat

There is one licensed Slaughterhouse at Flood Lane which is operated by local butchers for the supply of home-killed meat. A total of 3,540 animals were slaughtered during the year which shows an increase of 581 over the preceding year.

On 1st January, 1959, The Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations 1958, came into force as far as new Slaughterhouses are concerned. Those parts of this legislation which concern the existing Slaughterhouses will not, however, come into operation until a date appointed by the Minister which will follow the submission of a report by the Council as required under the Slaughterhouse Act, 1958.

1 ton 11 cwts 2 qrs. 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs of meat and offal were condemned on account of diseased conditions during the year. The following table shows the particulars of animals slaughtered and those affected by diseased conditions.

TABLE IX

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	TOTAL
Number killed	379 (367)	3 (7)	10 (42)	1,021 (810)	2,127 (1,733)	3,540 (2,959)
Number inspected	379 (367)	3 (7)	10 (42)	1,021 (810)	2,127 (1,733)	3,540 (2,959)
<u>All Diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	1 (-)	2 (-)	- (-)	- (-)	2 (5)	5 (5)
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	85 (56)	- (-)	- (-)	28 (11)	18 (48)	131 (115)
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	22.7% (15.2%)	66.6% (-)	- (-)	2.7% (1.3%)	0.9% (3.0%)	
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2 (5)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (1)	2 (6)
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0.5% (1.3%)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (0.05%)	
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

(e) Other Foods

Approximately $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons of assorted foodstuffs were condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption. These consisted mainly of miscellaneous groceries, vegetables, fish, etc..

The amount of fruit, vegetables, etc., which is now received by Messrs. East Kent Packers for sorting and repacking has risen enormously this year. The sorting is necessitated as a rule through some delay in transit which causes the cargoes to commence decomposition. During the year it was necessary to issue condemnation certificates for over 230 tons of fruit and vegetables which was unfit.

(d) Preparation of Preserved Foods

This includes fish frying, sausage manufacture, cooking of hams, etc., and twenty-seven premises are registered for these purposes.

(e) Ice Cream

Sixty premises are registered for the sale of ice-cream. It is all prepacked and none is manufactured in the district.

(g) Bakehouses

There are six bakehouses now in the district, Faversham and Thanet Co-operative Society having given up baking here. The bakehouses are kept in a reasonable condition.

(g) Food Premises

The following table shows the premises where food is sold or handled and the number of inspections made:

TABLE X
FOOD PREMISES

PREMISES	NUMBER	NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS
Butchers and Pork Butchers	14	131
Grocers	23	119
Fishmongers	4	60
Fish Fryers +	6	11
Bakers and Confectioners	13	16
Greengrocers	9	17
Dairies	3	7
Cafés and teashops	8	21
Hotels	5	10
General Shops	35	30
Ice-Cream premises +	60	29
Preserved Foods +	27	36
TOTALS	207	427

+ Registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Section 16.

(h) Food and Drugs, 1955 (Act)

The following details of samples taken in the District under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, are supplied by courtesy of the Chief Inspector, Weights and Measures Department, Kent County Council.

ARTICLE	NO.
Aspirin B.P.	1
Beer	3
Blackberries in Syrup	1
Brandy	1
Chocolate Mallow Eggs	1
Coffee, Pure Ground	1
Cordial, Alcoholic Peppermint	1
Cordial, Ginger	1
Currants, Washed	1
Gin	1
Glycerine and Rosewater Jelly	1
Honey	1
Ice Cream, Neopolitan	1
Jam, Apricot	1
Jam, Blackberry	1
Liniment	1
Milk	32
Non-alcoholic Wine	1
Orange Squash	2
Plums in Heavy Syrup	1
Raisins	1
Rhumatisone Cream	1
Spread Orange	1
Strawberries in Heavy Syrup	1
Sultans	1
Syrup used in fruit canning	3
Whisky	1
Witch Hazel	1
	TOTAL 64

SUMMARY :

Milks	32
Drugs	5
Spirits	3
Other Samples	24
TOTAL	64

(h) Food and Drugs Act, 1955 - Continued

With the exception of the following all samples taken by the County Sampling Officer were genuine:

<u>SAMPLE OF</u>	<u>ANALYSIS</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
Orange Squash	Soluble solids 23.8%. Indicated fruit content 7%. Apparently deficient in fruit	Further sample taken and reported satisfactory
T.T. Milk	10% deficient milk fat	These deficiencies were due to improper mixing and to uneven milking times. Advice was given to the producer. A further sample showed 3.8% milk fat which is well above the minimum standard of 3%.
T.T. Milk	17% deficient milk fat	
T.T. Milk	28% deficient milk fat	
T.T. Milk	18% deficient milk fat	
T.T. Milk	15% deficient milk fat	

(3) Disinfection and Disinfestation

One disinfection was carried out in connection with a case of Scarlet Fever.

Three disinfestations for bed-bugs and three for fleas were also undertaken.

The year was particularly notable for considerable swarms of wasps and over forty wasps' nests were dealt with.

(4) Rag Flock Act, 1951

There are no premises in the district to which the Act applies.

(5) Pet Animals Act, 1951

There are three premises licensed for the sale of pet animals. These deal in small animals such as cage-birds, rabbits, tortoises, etc.. Inspections have shown the premises to be well-kept.

6. Rodent Control

The same arrangement continues as in previous years, i.e. a part time operator from the Council's Highway Staff carries out the duties in connection with this service and the arrangement works very well.

Properties of various kinds were visited during the year and 250 treatments carried out. The following table shows particulars of inspections and treatments:

TABLE XI

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				TOTAL
	Local Authority	Dwelling-house	Agricultural	All other including business premises	
1. Total number of Properties in Local Authority's district	23	4,637	17	445	5,122
2. Number of Properties inspected by Local Authority	23	435	7	264	729
3. Number of Properties inspected found to be infested by rats	6	183	2	21	212
4. Number of Properties inspected found to be infested with mice	-	28	-	10	38
5. Number of Properties treated by Local Authority	6	211	2	31	250

Offensive Trades

Three factories are situated near Oare Creek approximately five hundred yards from the village of Oare.

The first factory established in the area was not considered to come within the designation of an offensive trade. The raw material, hoof and horn, is subjected to pressure of steam to bring the temperature up to 300 C, and after a period of over two hours the steam is emitted to the atmosphere. The process causes a distinctive malodourous stench, and in spite of the masking agents mentioned in last year's annual report the extremely offensive smell still persisted.

The nature of the process causes the steam to be ejected at between 60-80 lbs pressure per square inch over a short period and although the Health Committee agreed that there must be difficulties in condensing such a volume of steam it was still considered that some method must be devised to eradicate the nuisance from smell. It is now understood that a method of condensation is to be established.

The other two factories which carry on the trades of bone boiler, tallow melter, fat melter and fat extractor, are scheduled as offensive trades under the 1936 Public Health Act and are subjected to the byelaws for offensive trades which were adopted by the Borough during the year.

Both these factories installed plants which generally conformed with all the requirements laid down by the byelaws for carrying on offensive trades; however complaints regarding obnoxious odours continued and the larger factory installed an expensive system of double condensation and extraction which to a great extent obviated any smells coming from the factory.

The smaller factory, although no further addition was made to their condensing plant and no extractor system has been installed, did install a large covered addition which should result in a definite improvement in storage. It is felt that some improvement similar to what has been carried out at the larger factory would give beneficial results.

Complaints have been received during the year from various sources both in Oare village and in the Borough concerning the offensive smells emanating from the process at Oare Creek and it has sometimes, due to conflicting evidence and the close proximity of the factories to each other, been very difficult to isolate the particular offender.

The Council are well aware of any nuisance or lack of amenity caused by these smells and they hope with the co-operation and good will of the Factories concerned to be able to ensure a distinct improvement in the coming year.

8. Summary

Appendix "B" summarises public health inspections and visits (other than those in connection with housing) carried out during the year.

SECTION VIHOUSING

1. The following is a summary of action taken under the Housing and Public Health Acts during the year:

(a) Inspections of dwelling-houses for housing defects	 44
(b) Number of houses found to be in any respect unfit for human habitation	 16
(c) Number of houses found to be unfit for human habitation and incapable of repair at reasonable expense	 9
(d) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied by informal action	 7
(e) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	 1
(f) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	 NIL
(g) Number of houses demolished by formal action	 31
(h) Number of houses closed under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957	 1
(i) Number of new houses erected by Local Authority	 52
(j) Number of new houses erected by Private Enterprise	 11

2. The following statement shows various types of nuisances and housing defects dealt with:

	<u>DEFECTS</u>	<u>VISITS & REVISITS</u>
Leaking and defective roofs	15	18
Defective eaves gutterings	1	1
Damp and defective walls	55	29
Defective ceiling	25	14
Defective floors	21	10
Defective doors and windows	47	22
Defective chimneys	3	3
Defective coppers, stoves and fireplaces	4	2
Defective drains	6	6
Blocked drains	5	5
Cesspools full	2	2
Defective W.C. cisterns	1	1
Defective sinks and sink wastepipes	5	5
Yard Paving	4	4
Defective stairs	7	7
Absence of Food Store	9	9
TOTALS	210	138

3. Unfit Houses

During the year four clearance areas, consisting of forty houses, were dealt with. Representations in respect of one house and one basement flat were made.

4. Application for Improvement and Conversion Grants

Twenty-nine schemes were submitted at a total cost of £7,344 of which £3,880 was approved for grant under the discretionary scheme for twenty-nine dwellings.

Seven standard grants were made to a total cost of £3,815 for seven dwellings.

5. Provision of Houses

The following table shows the number of houses built each year since the end of the war.

Year	<u>Council Houses</u>		Police Houses	Private Enterprise	Total
	Temporary	Permanent			
1946	50	-	-	1	51
1947	-	18	-	5	23
1948	-	53	-	10	63
1949	-	71	5	10	86
1950	-	61	-	11	72
1951	-	80	2	8	90
1952	-	66	-	7	73
1953	-	60	-	10	70
1954	-	72	5	3	80
1955	-	80	-	8	88
1956	-	52	-	5	57
1957	-	62	-	24	86
1958	-	42	-	26	68
1959	-	52	-	11	63
Totals	50	769	12	139	970

SECTION VIIFACTORY ADMINISTRATION

Particulars in respect of Factory Administration are shown in the form prescribed by the Minister.

PART I OF THE ACT1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health

PREMISES	Number on Register	NUMBER OF		
		Inspec- tions	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sec.1,2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	27	7	2	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced by Local Authority	81	42	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Auth- ority (excluding out-worker' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	108	49	2	-

2. Cases in which defects were found

PARTICULARS	Found	Remedied	Referred	
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M.
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	2	2	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	2	2	-	-

Part VIII of the Act - Outwork

Section 110 - Nil return

Section 111 - Nil return

SECTION VIIIFAVERSHAM PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

There has been no alteration during the year in the Area of the Port which for sanitary administration is divided into two sections, viz. (a) The Eastern Section (Faversham Creek) and (b) The Western Section (Milton Creek)

Section I - Staff

The addition of Mr. R.A.O. Bampton, Public Health Inspector, since 1st December, 1959.

Section II - Amount of Shipping entering the district during the year

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number inspected		Number of Ships reported as having or having had during voyage infectious disease aboard
			M.O.H.	P.H.I.	
(i) EASTERN SECTION					
(a) Coastwise	8	630	Nil	4	Nil
(b) Foreign	23	2,551	Nil	2	Nil
(c) Lighters & Barges	404	24,240	Nil	Nil	Nil
(ii) WESTERN SECTION					
(a) Coastwise	388	46,196	Nil	12	Nil
(b) Foreign	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Lighters & Barges	102	11,230	Nil	6	Nil
TOTALS	925	84,847	Nil	24	Nil

Section III - Character of Shipping and Trade during the year

(i) Passenger traffic Nil

(ii) Cargo traffic:

(a) EASTERN SECTION

Principal Imports Petrol, Crude Oil,
Grain, Timber and
Fertilizers

Principal Exports Nil

(b) WESTERN SECTION

Principal Imports Gypsum stone, Coal,
China Clay, Timber,
Ballast, Sand, Beans,
Pulp and Tomatoe Puree.

Principal Exports Cement and Paper

(iii) Principal Ports from which Ships arrive:

(a) EASTERN SECTION

Coastwise Thames Estuary

Foreign Rotterdam, Antwerp,
Ymiden, Bremen,
Vlaardingen.

(b) WESTERN SECTION

Coastwise London and Rochester

Foreign Nil

Section IV - Inland Barge Traffic

Nil

Section V - Water Supply

No change

Section VI - Public Health (Ships Regulations) 1952

No change

Section VII - Smallpox

No change

Section VIII - Venereal Diseases

No change

Section IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases
dealt with during the year

Nil

Section X - Malaria

Nil

Section XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or
suspected for Plague

Nil

Section XII - Measures against rodents in Ships from
Foreign Ports

Nil

Section XIII - Inspection of Ships for nuisances

No nuisances were found on ships during the year

Section XIV - Public Health (Shellfish Regulations)

No change

Section XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens

No change

Section XVI - Arrangements for burial on shore of persons
who have died on board from infectious
disease

No change

APPENDIX "F"Particulars of Sanitary Inspections and Visits

Infectious Disease and Disinfections	12
Slaughterhouse	501
Butchers' Shops	131
Grocers' Shops	119
Dairies	7
Fish Shops	60
Fish Frying Establishments	11
Bakers and Confectioners	16
Food Preparing Premises	47
Ice-Cream Shops	29
Fruit and Vegetable Shops	17
Factories	49
Rats and Mice	729
Verminous Premies	6
TOTAL	1,734